[Translation]

Special Task Force in Delhi

696. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY
KUMARI UMA BHARATI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether 'Task Force' has been constituted in National Capital Territory of Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the number of recommendations received by the Task Force so far;

(c) whether the Government have initiated action on these recommendations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d). The Lt. Governor of Delhi in whom the superintendence and control of Delhi Police vests constituted a "Special Task Force" under the control of the Commissioner of Police on the 6th September, 1996 for the purpose of investigating the cases of serious crimes like heinous crimes, land-grabbing, dispossession of property and the collusion and corrupt practices by public officials in this regard. This "Force" is, therefore, essentially an investigating body. It has so far taken up investigation of one case of alleged illegal sale of Gram Sabha land in Village Nasirpur.

[English]

Support Price for Agricultural Products

697. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have increased the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for the three varieties of paddy for the year 1996-97 kharif season;

(b) if so, whether the Government have increased the MSP for other foodgrains like wheat, etc. for the year 1996-97, and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A statement showing Minimum Support Price alongwith increase effected over last year for the major agricultural commodities for the year 1996-97 is enclosed.

STATEMENT

Minimum Support Prices

(Rs. Per Quintal)

S.No.	Commodity	Variety	1996-97	Increase in 1996-97 over 1995-96
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Paddy	Common	380	20
		Fine	395	20
		Super Fine	415	20
2.	Coarse Cereals (Jawar, Bajra and Ragi)		310	10
3.	Maize		110	10
4.	Wheat		415	35
5.	Barley		305	10
6.	Gram		740	40
7.	Arhar		840	40
8.	Moong		840	40
9.	Urad		840	40
10.	Sugarcane			
11.	Cotton	F-414/H-777	1180	30
		H-4	1380	30